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1. OFFICIAL TALLY OF BALCATTA BY-ELECTION PROBABLY NOT TO BE KNOWN UNTIL JULY 31. COUNT OF PREFERENCE AND POSTAL VOTES TO DATE CONTINUES TO INDICATE LABOR CANDIDATE BURKE WILL WIN. HOWEVER, LEADER OF OPPOSITION SIR CHARLES COURT TOLD US TODAY HE THOUGH LABOR'S VICTORY MARGIN WOULD BE 14 REPEAT 14 INSTEAD OF ABOUT 30 PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED.

2. CALLING ATTENTION TO -ANTI-LABOR TREND IN BALCATTA DISTRICT IN LAST DECEMBER'S FEDERAL ELECTION, PLUS EVEN STRONGER SWING IN SATURDAY'S BY-ELECTION" COURT ASSERTED THAT PREMIER TOKIN'S LABOR GOVERNMENT LOST MANDATE. HIS CHALLENGE TO TONKIN TO CALL IMMEDIATE GENERAL ELECTION WAS REJECTED BY LATTER.

3. CONSERVATIVE -WEST AUSTRALIAN- NEWSPPAER EDITORIALIZED THAT "BALCATTA VOTERS HAVE DONE MORE THAN RETURN A RESOUND-ING VOTE OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN TONKIN ADMINISTRATION: THEY HAVESERVED INDICTMENT ON LABOR PHILOSOPHY GENERALLY".
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